

APPLICATION TO CONDUCT
A MULTI-DAY BASS TOURNAMENT
ON MAINE INLAND WATERS

\$52.00 FEE (for each day of the tournament – maximum 3 days)

Amount Enclosed _____

Name of Club or Organization*

Name of Individual making application Tel: _____
(Daytime)

Address of individual making application _____

Name and address of alternative contact person Tel: _____
(Daytime)

The above named bass fishing club desires to hold a multi-day tournament on:

_____ in town of _____
Name of Body of Water

Name of Tournament to be held Estimated number of participants _____

Estimated number of boats _____ Maximum cash value of prizes _____

Location of weigh-in station: _____ in the town of _____

We desire to hold this tournament from _____ a.m. to _____ p.m. on each of the following dates:

_____, _____.

If for any reason this permit is not granted, the permit fee will be returned.

Signature and Title of applicant

Date

NOTE: Completed application and fee must be received at least seven days prior to the first day of the tournament.

***Definition of a Bass Club**

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RULES FOR MULTI-DAY BASS TOURNAMENTS

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1. Multi-day permits will be available 24 months prior to planned date of the tournament.
2. Multi-day permits will be allowed for a statewide, multi-state or national championship tournament of a nationally recognized fishing organization such as Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) or Northeast Bass Association (NEBA).
3. Multi-day tournaments prior to Labor Day will be deducted from the number of one-day weigh-in open tournaments but these one-day tournaments may be replaced after Labor Day. Multi-day tournaments may be held after Labor Day without displacing one-day weigh-in open tournaments.
4. No more than one multi-day tournament may be permitted on any individual water per calendar year.
5. Multi-day tournaments are permitted on bodies of water greater than 2000 acres.
6. The maximum number of multi-days/year shall be six statewide no more than one per water.
7. A copy of the tournament permit and a copy of the rules affecting multi-day tournaments shall be conspicuously displayed during each tournament at a location accessible to all contestants.
8. All anglers in the tournament must possess a valid Maine fishing license unless of an age where a license is not required.
9. Number of boats permitted will be based on 35 acres per boat, maximum of up to 300 boats.
10. Bass tournament boats must be specifically identified in a plainly visible manner and roster of participants must be available at the location of the weigh-in.
11. The maximum daily possession limit shall be 5 bass per participant with no weight limit.
12. All bass retained shall be kept in a livewell being operated with the pump(s) in a mode that constantly exchanges livewell water with fresh lake water as a flow-through system, except when boats are being operated under power of the main outboard while changing locations, or while motoring to shore immediately prior to weigh-in, at which time the pump(s) shall be operated in a manner that aerates a fixed volume of water in the livewell.
13. All bass taken shall be returned to the water from which it was caught, unharmed as far as possible, at the conclusion of the tournament day.
14. The total cash value of prizes shall not exceed \$300,000.
15. Any bass organization which sponsors a multi-day bass tournament must submit a completed bass tournament questionnaire, when requested to do so by an agent of the Commissioner, provided that such request must be made in writing to the sponsoring organization prior to the tournament.

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